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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 39-81 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 56-81 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 39-55 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CDC)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
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Claims 39-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as failing to set forth the subject matter which applicant(s) regard as their invention.

The applicants do not particularly point out the equipment or apparatus needed to carry out calcination and it appears that it is in a fluidized bed (see claim 45). Applicants can add --calcining of gypsum in a fluidized bed--- to the preamble to resolve this issue in claim 39 and any other independent claims pending (also claim 52 as well).

The applicants are also respectfully requested to insert an A before the term process in all independent claims including claim 39. Amend all independent claims from "Process" to --A process--in the preamble.

For the dependent claims, please amend "Process" to --The process--- and make the capital C in claim (ie Claim 39) a small c so its claim 39. Do this for all dependent claims.

The term "type" is indefinite in claims 43,49,52, and 54.

The references cited on the PTO 892 have been cited of interest but do not appear to teach applicants' instant process claims. The examiner found that the prior art did not teach the applicants method especially the feature of supplying gypsum in a second pipe concentric with the first pipe of hot gases. However, the entire process would appear unobvious over the prior art.

Applicants are also respectfully requested to cancel all withdrawn and non-elected claims to expedite prosecution and place these elected process claims in immediate condition for allowance after correction of the issues above. The non-elected or withdrawn claims are not rejoinable.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Marcantoni whose telephone number is 571-272-1373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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